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Announcing Welfare-to-Work Information Clearinghouse

The Employment Development Department (EDD) Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) Capacity Building Unit (CBU) was established to provide staff development, training and information exchange for California's job training partners. We are proud to announce that in addition to the assistance currently being provided, a new emphasis will be placed on addressing Welfare-to-Work issues.

This will be accomplished through several avenues:

- *CBU Training
- *Employment Training Network
- *Information Exchange Newsletter
- *Welfare-to-Work Website

The CBU is currently offering popular courses on a wide variety of topics including: Case Management, Job Development, Customer Service, and Financial Management. Welfare-to-Work Introduction and Overview and Case Management II - Welfare-to-Work courses have recently been added and the CBU is in the process of developing several other Welfare-to-Work related courses.

The Employment Training Network (ETN), which provides customized training to Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funded agencies, will be broadening its consultant database to include more trainers with expertise on Welfare-to-Work related topics. And, additionally, a major augmentation of Welfare-to-Work resource materials will be available for loan through the ETN library.

The *Information Exchange* provides news of interest to California's job training partners. This includes a bimonthly training calendar, and, on alternate months, a variety of articles on workforce preparation topics.

This practice will continue, however, in future issues, a new emphasis will be placed on Welfare-to-Work items including:

- *Program Planning
- *Program Design
- *Capacity Building
- *Training Classes, and
- *Conferences

Also, notification of updates to the JTPD-maintained Welfare-to-Work web page will be highlighted in the *Information Exchange*. This site is located at:

http://wwwedd.cahwnet.gov/wtowcom.htm

Currently, you will find Information Bulletins, Directives, the State Welfare-to-Work Plan, other Welfare-to-Work Sites, and a Service Delivery Area (SDA) listing at that location. Expansion plans are underway to include a calendar of events as well as links to other Welfare-to-Work related information.

We are asking your assistance in providing any information you may wish to share about your welfare-to-work endeavors, i.e. partnership activities, program design. Also, suggestions of additions to the *Information Exchange* newsletter mailing list are welcome!

We are looking forward to becoming your Welfare-to-Work information clearinghouse! If you have comments or suggestions please contact Diane Coad at (916) 654-8896.



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				SDA Advisory Committee Meeting Sacramento (916) 654-7799 Welfare to Work Intro & Overview Fresno
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The Employment Training Network is an information dissemination project which provides one-to-one consultations, staff workshops and resources exclusively for California's JTPA programs. Through statewide networking, the Employment Training Network staff is able to offer diverse technical services using consultants in a variety of JTPA-related areas. SDAs/PICs and their contractors may benefit from the following services, free of charge:

- consultant services to enhance staff's skills, knowledge, and motivation
- program site visits staff reimbursement provided for travel expenses
- resource library up-to-date books, manuals and videos in a multitude of topics on loan for three weeks
- referrals to other employment and training programs
- added extras informative newsletters announcing upcoming workshops, new resources, etc.

The Employment Training Network technical assistance services are available upon request to SDA/PIC staff members or contractors operating JTPA programs in schools, community colleges, community-based agencies, adult education programs, County Offices of Education and ROPs. JTPA funded agencies may receive Employment Training Network services by calling (916) 654-8896.

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